

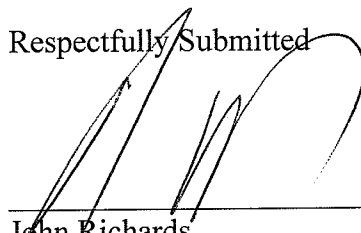
REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-12, and 14-18 remain pending in this application, with claim 1 being in independent form. Claims 19-21, 23, and 25-29 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 1, 4-12, and 14-18.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully Submitted



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